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Application of: Beat MOLLET et al.

Application No.: 09/823,772

Group Art Unit: 1652

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Examiner: R. Hutson

For: NOVEL STRAINS OF THE BACILLUS
SUBTILIS GROUP FOR FOOD
FERMENTATION

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the above-identified application.

Please amend claim 1, cancel claims 3-4 and 9-14, and add new claims 15-20 as shown on the following pages. The cross reference to related applications has also been amended as shown on the following page.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be due, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn Deposit Account No. 501-814.